(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (b) No, Sir. The World Bank Supervision Mission for Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project (January, 2000) has, however, suggested downsizing the Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation to make it efficient and viable.

Irrigation Projects

3957. SHRI R. MARGABANDU : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to waive off the provision of the State share in the current financial year in view of the stringent financial position of the Government of Orissa due to recent super cyclone in respect of major and medium irrigation projects in KBK districts of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (b) The Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme is provided on year to year basis. No request has been received from the Government of Orissa to waive off the provision of the State share in the current financial year i.e. 2000-2001 in respect of their major and medium irrigation projects in KBK districts.

Human and Material Losses due to Excess Water Floods

3958. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country suffer enormous human and material losses due to excess water floods and also from drought and lack of rain and that precious water goes to sea and is lost forever;

(b) whether Government are seriously considering about conserving precious rain water as Scientists have forecasted that India in the next Millennium will face the worst drought ever in the world; and

(c) whether Government have taken any viable measures to avoid this calamity which may fall the country in the near future and millions of people may suffer due to inadequate drinking water ?